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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD R. PRESIDENT)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA

REF: STATE 259498

1. IN ACCORDANCE INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL, I SPOKE TO PRESIDENT MARCOS EVENING NOVEMBER 2 CONCERNING PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO MANILA. MARCOS AGREED TO DATES PROPOSED AND ALSO AGREED THAT TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE NOON TUESDAY WASHINGTON TIME SHOULD INDICATE THAT VISIT BEING MADE RESPONSIVE TO MARCOS INVITATION.

2. PRESIDENT MARCOS REMARKED THAT SHORT DURATION OF VISIT WOULD REQUIRE COMPRESSED AGENDA AND "WE HAD BETTER START WORKING ON THAT SOON." I TOLD HIM AN ADVANCE TEAM WOULD BE COMING SOON WITH SOME VIEWS ON THAT SUBJECT.

3. HE ALSO ASKED IF I COULD GIVE HIM SOME IDEA OF COMPOSITION OF PARTY TO ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT FORD. I SAID I HAD NONE THUS FAR BUT ASSUMED SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD BE AMONG THEM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: I STRONGLY URGE THAT HABIB OR SOMEONE FROM SECRETARY'S OFFICE TELEPHONE FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO IN NEW YORK PRIOR RPT PRIOR TO TUESDAY'S

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ANNOUNCEMENT, SO THAT HE WILL HAVE SOME ADVANCE

KNOWLEDGE. ROMULO WILL DOUBTLESS WISH TO RETURN TO
MANILA IN ORDER TO BE HERE FOR THE VISIT.
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